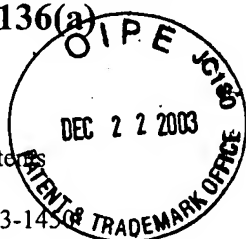


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>  <b>Address to:</b> Mail Stop: Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Customer Number	24353
	Application Number	10/049,556
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ 2010.00  
☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 1005.00.

**The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0815. If additional fees are required, including extensions of time, please consider this a petition therefore.**

- I am the:
- ☐ applicant/inventor  
☐ assignee of record of the entire interest.  
 See 37CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is enclosed.  
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